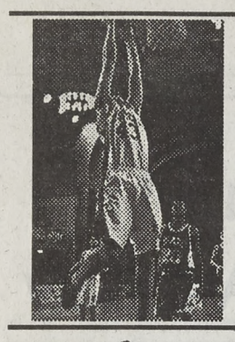

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## Quick Bits

### On-line frenzy

It must be the parking — no, it's the two Burger Kings — no, wait, it's the men's basketball team's record, because online applications to CSUS have nearly quadrupled from last year. In November, 850 students applied for admission to the university, as compared to 200 the year before. The office of Student Affairs said the convenience of the online process is what is attracting the large number of applications.

### Half-mile radius

It is four weeks into the semester and KSSU, the ASI-supported campus radio station, finally began broadcasting at 1580AM. The student-run station boasts a staff of 60, which works out to about one square foot of broadcast area for each member of its staff. KSSU is on a local bandwidth that keeps us entertained if we're within a half-mile of campus.

### Whoa

Over 150 Greeks attended an Alcohol Awareness Seminar sponsored by the Sigma Chi fraternity, UNIQUE and the Student Health Center on Sunday. Attendees learned such valuable tips as limiting oneself to three shots of liquor per night. Mike Green of the Collegiate Commission on Drugs and Alcohol also reported that U.S. college students spend more than $5.5 billion a year on booze. And Quick Bits thought that was how much students spent getting hammered over Spring Break alone.

### Survivor's award

The State Hornet won third place for its 1999 Survival Guide from the Associated College Press.

### Party on, Gary

Quick Bits would like to wish Gary Davis, ASI President, a belated happy birthday. Word is the Piscean president celebrated hitting the quarter-century mark Monday with a quiet gathering at home.

## Fast Facts

**24**: The median age of CSUS students as of Fall 1998 according to the Office of Institutional Studies.

# CFA rejects tentative contract

BY FARRAH M. McDAID
*State Hornet*

Chancellor Charles Reed will meet with California Faculty Association officers today in the wake of the landslide rejection of a tentative contract agreement by CFA members on Friday.

"The ball is in the Chancellor's court," said Jim Smith, communications director for CFA.

The tentative agreement, reached Jan. 26 at the CSU Board of Trustees meeting in Long Beach, had included a 3-percent faculty pay raise and would have diverted 40 percent of the total salary pool into merit pay programs.

CSUS union members voted nearly 5 to 1 against the agreement, with 248 of 304 CFA members voting no. Statewide, the vote was 57 percent against accepting the agreement to 43 percent for it.

"We were astonished that the no-vote carried," said Jeff Lustig, professor of government and president of the CFA chapter at CSUS.

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- Jeff Lustig, Professor of Government

The meeting today is scheduled to discuss the extension of the old faculty contract for two weeks until the next CSU Board of Trustees meeting on March 17. The temporary faculty contract had expired at midnight Sunday. The Trustees can then vote on a "last best offer," which would give the Chancellor the power to impose certain aspects of the failed agreement. Although CFA officials predict a faculty strike will follow if Reed imposes a contract, they refuse to specify what form the "job actions" would take.

"We are requesting that the CSU administration's negotiators return immediately to the bargaining table in good faith to reach an agreement that is more acceptable to the faculty," said CFA President Terry Jones.

Lustig said that some form of job action or strike could take place at Sacramento State.

"We would be reluctant to strike but may be forced into doing so to protect professional working conditions and the quality of education at all the CSUs," said Lustig.

CFA members could stage a rolling strike, in which faculty at each of the 22 campuses would stage one-day rotating walk-outs. Lustig said that the possibility of a lengthy continuous strike at CSUS was remote and added that students and the public would receive prior notification of any strike action.

CSUS president Donald Gerth said on Monday that it was too early to speculate on whether there would be a faculty strike.

"It's too early to tell. We'll know more after Wednesday's meeting," said Gerth.

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# Senate examines advising process

BY FARRAH M. McDAID
*State Hornet*

Faculty members expressed concern about providing students with academic advising at the Faculty Senate meeting on Thursday

With 36 out of 63 voting members present - barely a quorum - the faculty senators debated proposed changes to their major advising policies that would require departments to make advising to students more available.

"We have an advising problem," said Jean-Pierre Bayard, professor of electrical engineering and chair of the Academic Policies Committee.

Otis Scott, professor of ethnic studies, was also critical of the overall quality of academic advising at CSUS.

"At best, academic advising is spotty on campus," said Scott,

Most departments require that students receive advising in their majors at least once before graduating. Students seeking answers to questions about general education requirements, however, are often sent over to the Academic Advising Center on the first floor of Lassen Hall.

Associated Students, Inc. representative Jeremy Brickner said that the faculty should be able to help a student with any question about requirements.

"I've gone to several offices trying to get answers about advising. We need somebody who knows what they're talking about," said Brickner.

But some professors expressed concern about the time it would take to advise students about both their major

**See SENATE, p. 12**

# Head over heels

Matt Custhall/State Hornet

**Sac State gymnasts perform as part of Hornet Athletics Night for the home crowd at Memorial Auditorium during halftime at the men's basketball game on Thursday. The Hornets lost to Northern Arizona 71-61.**

# Recycling Center reopens

BY TERESA MATRANGA
*State Hornet*

The CSUS Recycling Center will reopen today.

Students, faculty, staff and the community can again recycle their paper, cardboard, plastic, aluminum and glass at 300 containers around campus, and at a community drop-off center also on campus.

The center's primary goals of "decreasing the CSUS waste stream, and preserving the environment by reducing landfill, will resume," said Kent Ewing, manager of the custodial services department.

Ewing will oversee a liaison between CSUS and the local area Conservation Corps. Most of the staff for the recycling center comes from that organization.

"Their program, called Youth at Risk, provides training and guidance for troubled youth ages18 to 24 to help get them on a path to a different life," said Ewing. They work at no cost to CSUS.

For now, they will continue to sort paper, cardboard, plastic, aluminum, and glass by hand.

"Two new machines purchased by CSUS will not operate until they can be relocated within the center and hooked up," said Howard Harris, associate vice president for Facilities Management.

When they do become operational, the machines will process larger quantities of recyclable materials faster. They will also form recycled material into bales to make it easier to store, said Ewing.

Mark Kennedy, former campus coordinator for the Recycling Center, obtained money to buy the new equipment through grants before he resigned to accept a job with the California Integrated Waste Management Board last fall.

Previously his position was funded by a partnership with ASI, the CSUS Foundation, and CSUS. The center also employs students through the federal work-study program. It remains unclear whether funding through that partnership will continue.

Harris said he feels optimistic that ASI, the CSUS Foundation and CSUS will resume partnership.

"The university is looking at the program and its potential for the future, and

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# ASI board addresses affirmative action

BY NADINE SIMONSON
*State Hornet*

The Associated Students Inc. is adding its support to affirmative action and is asking the university athletics department to live up to its end of the deal after action taken during Wednesday's board of directors meeting.

Affirmative action was a major focus at the ASI meeting. After a heated debate, the board joined a movement in the University of California system to restore affirmative action. The measure, authored by Sean South, postbaccalaureate director, was passed by a 5-4 vote after nearly an hour of discussion.

The board was concerned that debating such an issue would be trivial because of the lack of impact on CSUS students.

Several members of the board expressed the opinion that CSUS should stick to issues that are pertinent to the campus and not become involved in matters on UC campuses.

"This decision does absolutely nothing," said Nick Clemente, new director of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies,

A second measure introduced by South asked the university athletics director, Debbie Colberg, to provide ASI with the data required by the athletic contract. The information - graduation rates for athletes, grade point averages and budget figures - is required by provisions of the athletics contract and have not been presented, said South in his memo, in the man-

**See ASI, p. 12**

## POLICE LOG

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22**

FORGERY: A student reported fraud of her One Card in Sacramento Hall 155.

ARREST: University Police stopped a suspicious subject in the Library quad area. Subject, Paul Demko, found to have outstanding warrant. Arrested for illegal camping, bail was set at $3,500.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23**

BURGLARY: Attempted forcible entry of a vehicle on the sixth floor of the parking structure.

TRESPASS: Four subjects were reported to be setting up camp in the area of Alumni Grove.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24**

DISTURBANCE: Three to four fraternity members were reported to be running around Desmond Hall yelling "Phi Kappa Alpha."

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25**

INCIDENT: A citizen flagged down University Police to report a subject defecating in public near the Recycling Center.

DISTURBING THE PEACE: A Subject was reported attempting to fight staff members. Subject gone when University Police responded to call. Subject allegedly shoved someone and punched a glass door.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26**

DISTURBING THE PEACE: University Police responded to 12 to 20 subjects running around on the second and third floors of Desmond Hall. Subjects in possession of open containers of alcohol.

PUBLIC DRUNKENNESS: Walter Hickerson, 18, was taken into custody in Desmond Hall for being drunk in public.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27**

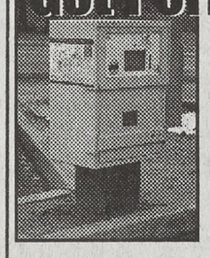
DISTURBING THE PEACE: University Police responded to a Fraternity party at 107 Lido Circle. Neighbor complained of the large party, with approximately 70 subjects in attendance. Party broken up.

DISTURBING THE PEACE: A Boyfriend and girlfriend were reported to be in a verbal argument. University Police transported male to a Light Rail station.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28**

ASSAULT/BATTERY: Two employees of the University Union were engaged in a physical altercation.

FIRE: Sacramento Fire Department responded to a report of flames at the Dining Commons. The fire was later extinguished.



## Got Permits?

Don't waste time driving from lot to lot for a permit. Current as of Tuesday, March 2.

| | Working? yes | no |
|---|---|---|
| Lot 1 | X | |
| Lot 2 | X | |
| Lot 4 | X | |
| Lot 7 | X | |
| Lot 8 | X | |
| Overflow Lot | X | |
| Info Booth 1 | X | |
| Info Booth 2 | X | |

# Center: opens today

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ASI is waiting for that," said Carol Ackerson, executive director of ASI, in an earlier interview.

"It is our intent to hire someone and move forward in the next couple of months," said Edward Del Biaggio, vice president for Administrative Affairs, last month.

**Recycling Center hours Wednesday through Sunday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

In the future, if recycling profits increase, the center could become self-sufficient.

The Recycling Center hours are Wednesday through Sunday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Recycling Center employees will be available to answer questions about recycling and to help unload cars.

# CONTRACT: Reed quiet

## Chancellor meets with CFA today

**Continued from p.1**

Chancellor Charles Reed said he is dismayed with the vote on Friday.

"The Trustees and I are very disappointed that the CFA membership voted against all of the benefits included in this contract offer," he said.

CSU faculty has been working without a contract since last July when negotiations broke down between the CFA and the Chancellor over issues such as lagging rates of faculty compensation in the CSU system.

According to the California Postsecondary Education Commission, there is an 11.1-percent salary gap between CSU faculty salaries and those of comparable institutions throughout the United States.

The tentative agreement also would have used 40 percent of the salary pool for merit pay programs. The CFA has long opposed any merit pay system that does not include peer review and final say in any merit award. Currently, the president of each university has the final say.

"The salary increases in the tentative agreement were allocated through merit pay and other provisions that we felt threatened the quality of education in the CSU system," said Lustig.

Other provisions in the failed agreement include:

- A 3-percent general salary increase retroactive to Oct. 1, 1998
- Continued inclusion of department chairs in the bargaining unit
- Three-year contracts for the Faculty Early Retirement Program
- Two-year appointments for lecturers with six years of continued service
- Increased paid maternity/paternity leave from 10 days to 20 days for all faculty.

Any or all of these provisions could be included in a contract imposed by Reed.

"We'll try everything before that happens," said Lustig.

# Mariposa Hall to cost $12 million

## McCarthy Bros. submits winning bid

BY DAVID SOMMERS
*State Hornet*

With a bid of $11,678,054, McCarthy Bros. is the apparent low bidder for the construction of a new Mariposa Hall, a five-story classroom building to be built in the center of campus.

On Thursday afternoon, eight contracting firms entered bids for the project before the 2 p.m. deadline expired. Soon after, the sealed bids were read off, ranging from $11.6 million to over $13 million. As the low bidder, McCarthy Bros. has been tentatively awarded the contract.

"This is the Super Bowl for us," said Leanne Pachkov, director of marketing for McCarthy Bros. "Right up until the last minute we were hurriedly slashing every possible dollar off our bid. Once we found out we were the low bidder, there was a collective sigh of relief in the room."

Other projects undertaken by McCarthy Bros. include Terminal A at Sacramento International Airport and the expansion of the Sacramento Convention Center. In 1991, the firm constructed the CSUS parking garage.

"We've had a good experience with McCarthy in the past, and I'm certain everything's going to go okay with this project," said Howard Harris, associate vice president of Facilities Management.

CSUS will review the McCarthy Bros. bid for accuracy before officially awarding the contract.

Funding for construction will come from the Proposition 1A school construction bond.

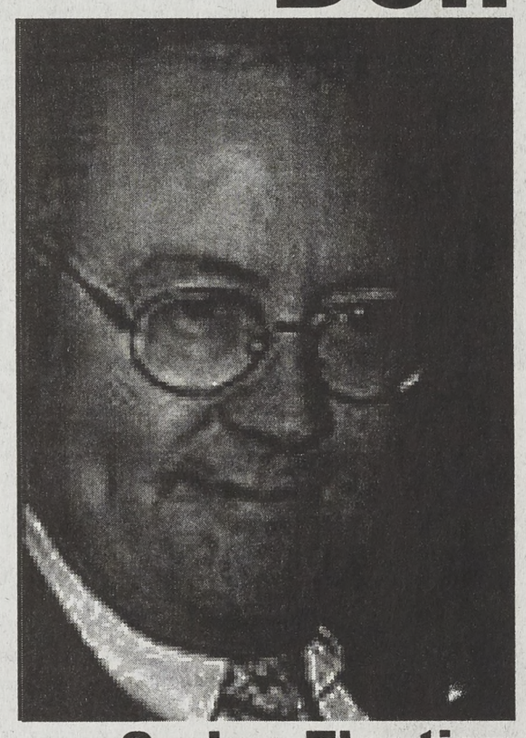
The new building will be located between Eureka Hall and Kadema Hall when complete. In order for construction to begin, the existing Mariposa Hall, which provides only 6,126 square feet, must be demolished to make room for the new building, which will be five stories tall and include 48,522 square feet.

To help ease confusion, the new building will also be named Mariposa Hall once complete.

Demolition is expected to begin in early April, with construction scheduled to last approximately 16 months.


**Don't be afraid to run for ASI office...**

**(We don't have an independent counsel)**



I sure wish I'd run for ASI president

asi elections '99

**Spring Election Packets available in the student affairs office, Lassen Hall room 3008**

**Packets available Feb. 22 through March 26**

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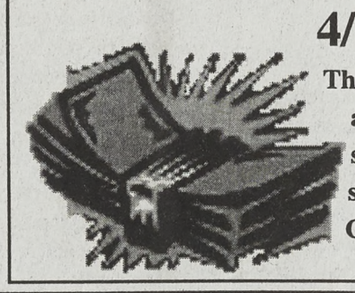
**ASI is now taking applications for**

Community Service Day Coordinator

**If you are interested in organizing ASI's nationally recognized Community Service Day, call 278-6784.**

**ASI's got Scholarship Money**

**Applications for Arnulfo Lara Memorial Scholarship and Ron Tanton Memorial Scholarship are due 4/1/99**



**The Arnulfo Lara honors students who are active and advocate diversity at CSUS. The Ron Tanton honors students active in the CSUS community. Both Scholarships award $1000. Applications are available in the ASI Government Office. Call 278-6784.**

# HORNET LIFE

## Capitol Garage: You've Come A Long Way, Baby

Not too long ago, the Capitol Garage Coffee Co. was nothing more than a small coffee bean in a world of coffee shops and java stops here in Sacramento.

However, in the past year or so it has begun to build a reputation as a fantastic place to see live music in a town that definitely needs more music venues.

Thanks to the recent addition of a bar and a cozy loft area, the Capitol Garage has made it possible to house many of Sacramento's top veteran musicians as well as some new young talent. On any given weekend, listeners can hear a variety of music from rock to punk to folk and even some jazz. Usually as diverse as the music, the crowd is a virtual cornucopia of all ages and backgrounds.

One of the unique things that sets the Capitol Garage apart from most other coffee shops and clubs is it's Tuesday night "open mike." Hosted by local punk rock veteran Kevin Seconds, this increasingly popular night gives those who have (or think they have) musical talent a chance to showcase their endeavors in front of what is usually a crowded house.

> "It's like one big family here. The Garage is just a great place to meet other people and listen to some great music."
>
> Eric Affonso
> Capital Garage Bartender

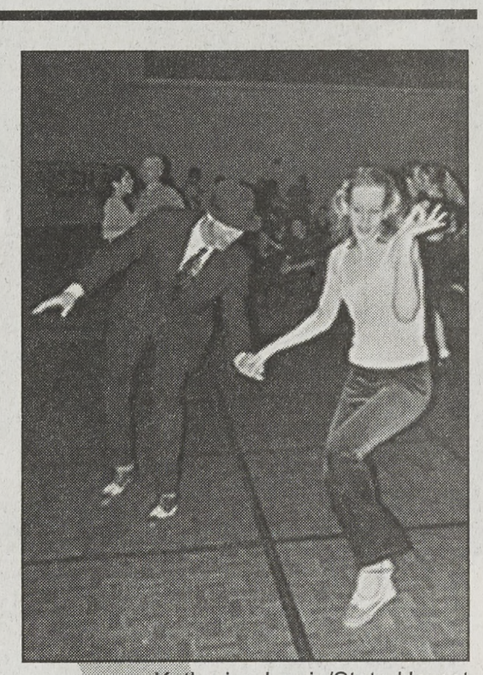
"Tuesday night is definitely one of the best nights to come," said Eric Affonso, Capitol Garage bartender. What makes this weekly event so unique is that listeners can once again hear a diverse amount of music from people who have never stepped in front of a microphone. Or they can listen to seasoned veterans of the music scene like Grub Dog, Lee Bob, and Anton Barbeau, just to name a few, who might be there to try out new material. In fact, the Capitol Garage has become quite a place for local musicians to hang out, and every so often you'll see many of them joining forces to perform together which can make for an interesting and entertaining night.

"It's like one big family here. The Garage is just a great place to meet other people and listen to some great music. It's definitely a relaxing spot to come and unwind," said Affonso.

The overall atmosphere of the Garage makes for an intimate setting where unlike most clubs, listeners can see and hear the musicians playing from wherever they're sitting, whether it's outside or inside.

Students can find the Capitol Garage Coffee Shop located at 1427 L Street across the street from - where else - the capitol! They can also call about upcoming events at 444-3633.

# Swing me, Baby!



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**Peter Vawter, Hepcat dance instructor, helps students to get into the swing of things.**

BY CHRIS DENNIS
*State Hornet*

Bodies heated up in the University Ballroom Thursday night as all ages of CSUS students concentrated on learning new spins on old moves of swing dancing.

Members of the Hepcat swing club of CSUS offered free lessons, and swing dance tips to more than 200 willing participants. Four Hepcat leaders introduced basic swing steps. While beginners loosely followed with swinging arms, twisting hips and a lot of laughs as they tried to look good.

"I had so much fun, I didn't mind getting out there and making a fool of myself," said Amy Latifi, a CSUS senior who came to the concert to learn about swing dancing.

As perspiration began building for the first hour of instruction, only veteran swing dancers held to the dance floor.

Music by Zoppo and the Truetones band rocked the night away with smoke, bright lights and their swing style music.

Dean Sorenson, program advisor for the University Union, said he loved the contrast of 18- and 19-year-olds having fun while dancing to music from the 1940s.

"Swing dance music is full of energy, it brings back couples dancing without being so sexual," said Robin Dykstra of Jump Jive and Wail, a swing dance club in Davis.

But for Hepcat member Effie Dimitrakopoulos, swing dancing provides more than a new dance, it becomes a step back from everyday life.

"I enjoy the history of swing dance," Dimitrakopoulos said. "I like dressing up in vintage clothing and living it."

Zoppo and the Truetones is an eight piece band led by vocalist James Gimelli. Zoppo, which means 'tap synched,' motivated the crowd with their swing music which ranged from the 1940s to the 1990s.

They draw their inspiration from such greats as Dino Martino and Count Basie, and have composed 12 original songs and 12 covers since forming the band a year and a half ago.

Vocalist James Gimelli said they got lucky.

"We got into swing music right before it became popular, now here we are," Gimelli said.

Drummer Dave Collie leaned against the stage wall watching the instructors give the lesson before going on stage.

"It is really amazing, you don't think about the impact you are making when you are up on stage," said drummer Dave Collie. "Then you realize that all those people are dancing to you, and your music."

Once the basic swing steps had been learned and the music began, the audience took flight with the beat of the band and practiced the swing steps that they had learned.

Within an hour of full-on dancing, exhausted beginners began to move outside in search of fresher, cooler air. But diehard veterans lasted to the very end.

Katherine Lewis/State Hornet

## Swing back

BY RULA YAGHMOUR
*State Hornet*

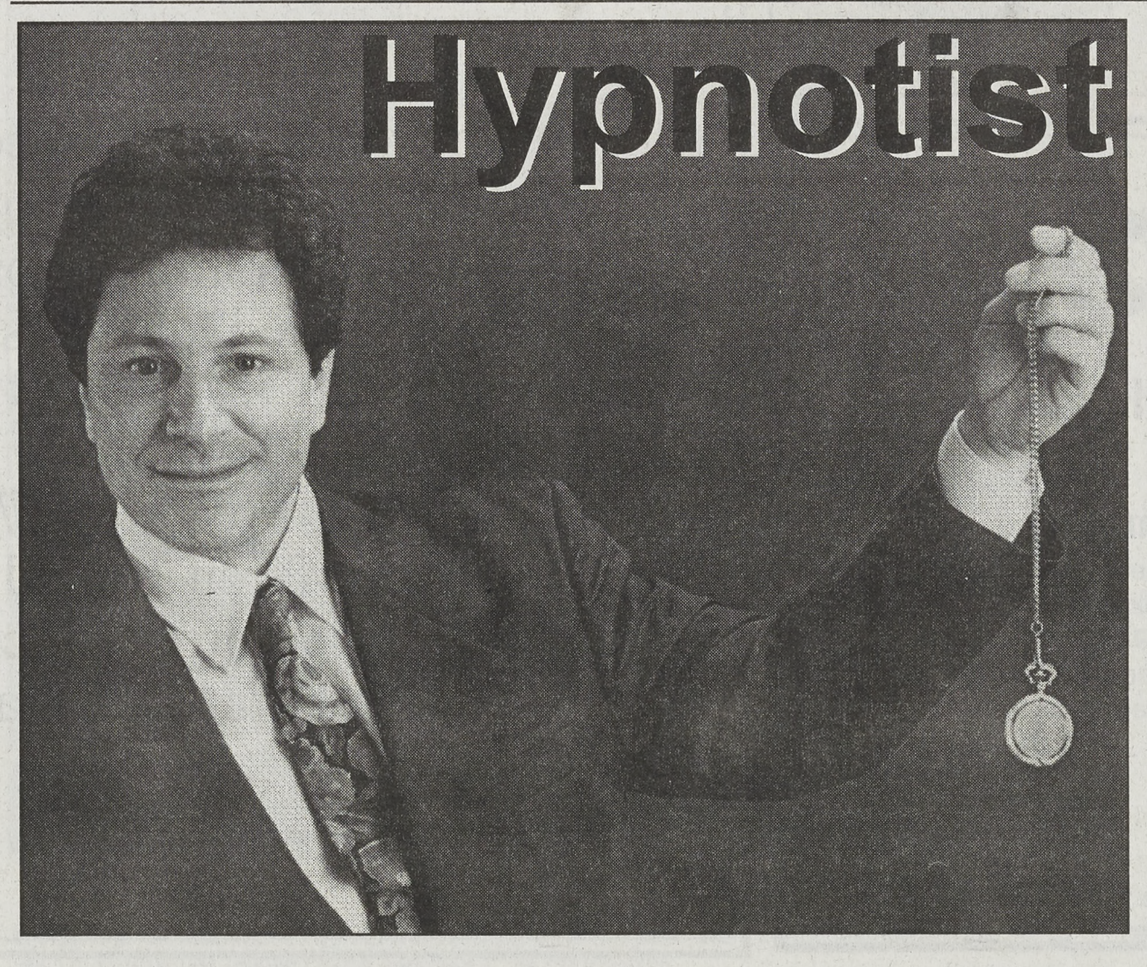
Some believe that swing dance originated with the Texas Tommy, which was a kick and a hop three times on each foot, followed by a slide and then a breakaway where partners separated and could do what they wanted before returning together. Others say it is a combination of the two-step and the Charleston, which both have a basic count pattern but their interchange rock steps and kicks at various times.

Other dances that had an influence on swing dancing were the Black Bottom, Big Apple, Scrontch, Varsity Drag, Mouche, Suzie Q Ballin', The Jack, Shim Sham Shimmy and Truckin'.

On January 1, 1998, West Coast Swing became California's official state dance. The West Coast Swing consists of 6 and 8 beat patterns executed in a lot of areas on the dance floor. It can be danced to in a variety of styles of music.

During the 40's and early 50's, another form of swing dance appeared on the scene: East Coast Swing. It seems that the slotted version of swing became more popular. The major dance studio chains decided to call what the dancers on the East Coast were doing East Coast Swing, and what the dancers on the West Coast were doing the West Coast Swing.

# Hypnotist Supreme



BY GINA MAUCIERI
*State Hornet*

There will be heavy eyelids and limp bodies on the stage when Tom DeLuca, "Hypnotist Supreme," puts students in a trance tonight and Thursday at his 7:30 p.m. show in the University Union Ballroom.

DeLuca has appeared at college campuses throughout the nation each year, with sell out shows at schools such as Xavier University, University of Virginia and the University of Notre Dame. According to Dean Sorensen, Program Advisor for University UNIQUE Programs, this will be DeLuca's 17th performance at CSUS. Unlike many hypnotists, DeLuca presents an act that does not aim to humiliate people. "His show involves having volunteers go onto the stage and getting hypnotized," said Sorensen. "Some seem to be susceptible, some don't. He excuses those that don't, and then he gets the others to do zany things - nothing really to embarass them."

Three times named College Entertainer of the Year, DeLuca earned a masters degree in Psychology from the University of Illinois at Springfield, and began his career as a therapist. He later discovered his knack for entertaining and since 1980 has been performing on college campuses.

During his shows, students have been known to speak like aliens, perform elaborate dance routines, and pose for imaginary bodybuilding competitions. DeLuca said in a 1996 interview, "I offer a creative kind of show that is warm and the audience feels like they know the people who have volunteered...It's a very big show - with many different facets. It starts with a fun and unique mind reading opener followed by a very different experience based on the power of suggestion."

DeLuca has also appeared on "CNN Show Business Today," "Live with Reg

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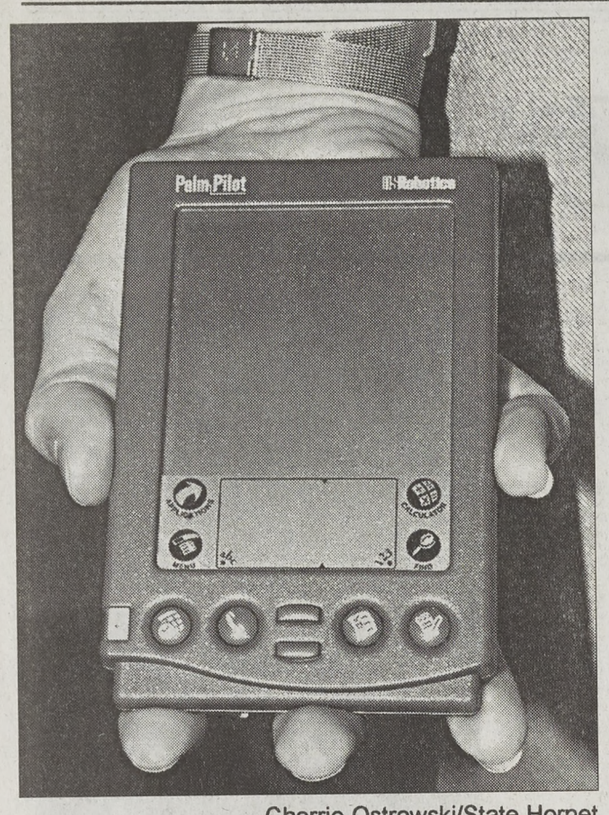



Cherrie Ostrowski/State Hornet

# Palm size priorities

BY LANE KASSELMAN
*State Hornet*

Stuffed inside overflowing student backpacks, large binder-sized organizers traditionally crushed by books and folders are now getting smaller.

Leather-clad pocket organizers used for school, work, social life, and many other activities are beginning to find their way into the hands of students trying to organize their life.

Becoming more and more popular, personal electronic devices falling fast into the student affordable range are popping up all over campus.

"I used to carry a Day Runner, but my Palm Pilot is quite a bit faster for filing information," said Jon Doidge, a freshman majoring in electrical engineering.

Several large companies have introduced pocket organizers aimed at college students. 3Com, Casio, and Philips all have entry level pocket organizers, capable of doing many basic PC operations, including writing and reading E-mail.

"I've been sitting in the pub and thought of something I needed to tell someone, now I can write the E-mail right there." said Doidge.

Including E-mail programs, several of the electronic organizers include features that allow schedule synchronization with a PC, a complete address book, infrared information beaming technology, room for upgrading and more, depending on the model.

The Casio Cassiopeia and the Philips Nino feature the Microsoft Windows CE operating system, which is very similar to current Windows operating systems and works with most Microsoft Programs. 3Com offers their own operating system, the Palm OS 2.0 for the Palm Pilot professional and the Palm OS 3.0 for the Palm III, both are simple to use and interface with some popular Microsoft programs.

All three of the pocket organizers offer synchronization with PCs which allows the user to impute and swap schedule, address, financial, and other information whenever they please. Most of this takes place automatically just by installing the pocket organizer in its cradle. Some of the organizers can recharge there as well.

However, one feature of interest to most students is the price. Over the past few months the price has dropped by 10-20 percent.

Fry's Electronics in Sacramento sells the Palm III and Nino 301 pocket organizers for $299, Circuit City has comparable prices, but the real deal on pocket organizers can be found on-line.

"I was able to purchase mine over the internet for $50 less than in retail stores," said Doidge.

On-line purchasing can offer a significant price discount. The on-line auction site Ebay offers several used and new pocket organizers at 25-50 percent off retail price.

Buying direct over the internet from a retailer can also provide a good discount. Many retailers overstock in pocket organizers each season and sell them to the public at a discount.

"I bought my Palm III a few months ago direct from buy3com.com for $250," said Doidge.

**Fast Facts**

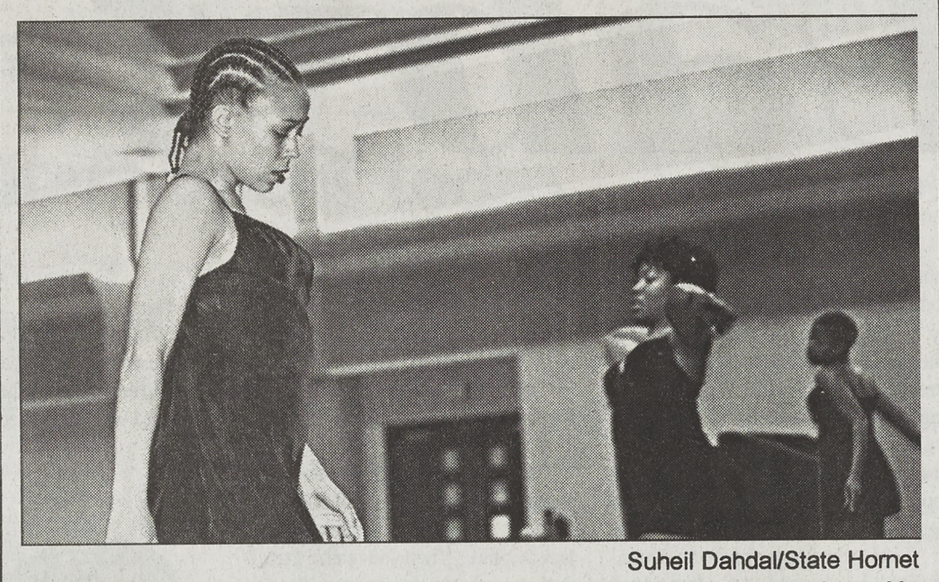
- **3Com Palm III**
  **2MB Memory**
  **Palm OS 3.0**
  **MSRP $299**
- **Casio Cassiopea**
  **4MB Memory**
  **Windows CE**
  **MSRP $199**
- **Philips Nino 301**
  **4MB Memory**
  **Windows CE**
  **MSRP $299**

# 10 Reasons why Ben and Jerry are the greatest guys in the world

GEORGETTE TODD
*State Hornet*

1. They are happy when you use them.
2. They taste good
3. They will always look forward to seeing you.
4. They have labels that tell you what you are getting yourself into.
5. They make you feel good.
6. They won't give you a headache that lasts for hours, just a few seconds.
7. They don't care if you put on a few pounds.
8. You don't have to wax or trim for them.
9. They'll never make you cry.
10. They are always there when you need and want them.

## DANCE GROUP PREFORMS IN UNION



Suheil Dahdal/State Hornet

**In honor of Black History Month, the Sacramento Black Art Dance Group preformed in the University Union on Friday.**

# HYPNOTIST:
## A creative kind of show

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is and Kathie Lee," and the front page of the Wall Street Journal. Sorensen said that when he was in college, he attended one of DeLuca's shows and actually participated in the act. "It was a lot of fun. People just eat it up. It's especially fun when your friends go up there."

This is the first year that the show will be presented in the University Union Ballroom, which seats about 500. Sorensen said that the show is heavily advertised in the dorms, and that in the past, Greek organizations on campus have bought up entire shows.

Sorensen said that DeLuca "gets a good read on people," and is able to determine early on whether someone is a good candidate for hypnotism. "Some people he thanks them and they go away. Others can't even remember what they did," said Sorensen.

Tickets for the show are $5.50 for CSUS students and $8.00 general admission, and can be purchased at the CSUS Ticket Office in the University Union.

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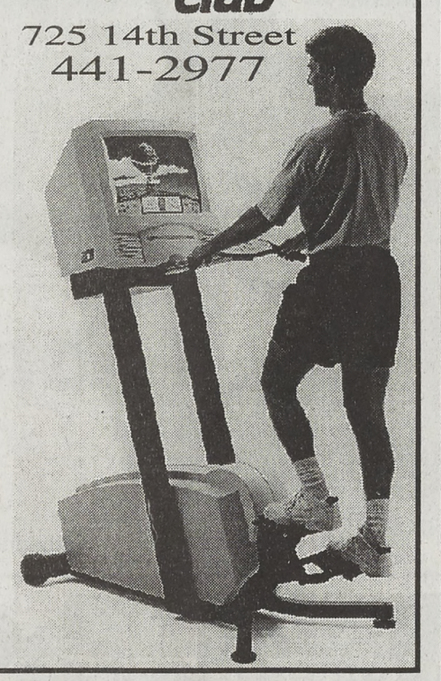

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# SPORTS

## Hornet baseball sweeps doubleheader

BY GARBIELLE STEVENSON
*State Hornet*

The Sac State baseball team almost earned its first series sweep of the season...again.

For the second straight weekend, the Hornets earned victories from the first two games of the series, but failed to win the finale.

The Hornets beat the Gaels 9-6 and 7-1 on Saturday on Hornet Field before falling 21-4 on Sunday.

"(Saturday) the game worked to our favor," head coach John Smith said. "We got some key hits, and they helped us with some walks and they didn't play real good catch for a couple of innings and we took advantage of those things and put the pressure on them."

During the first game, junior right hander Pat Edwards pitched eight innings, giving up 10 hits and six runs while striking out five. With the win, Edwards improved his record to 3-1 on the season. Junior Jimmy West pitched one inning in relief.

"Pat didn't have near his good stuff," Smith said. "But he gutted it out and kept us in the game. He kept us close and gave us a chance to get it going and we did. It was nice to see that happen."

The Hornets were down 5-2 going into the eighth inning.

Junior catcher Casey Martinez started the inning with a single to center field. Martinez was the first of seven runners to score during the inning when junior Brian Gilman singled to right field. The Hornets capitalized off five hits and one error from the Gaels defense to earn the victory.

"We came back little by little," Smith said. "It was good the way we came back. We've done that a couple of times. But the second game is the way I like to see us play where we get out in front and extend our lead."

The Hornets scored two runs in the first inning off of one hit, one Gaels error, and two stolen bases. The team added four more hits throughout the game, including two hits each from sophomore Michael Ford and freshman Anthony Salvemini.

Smith said teams rarely split doubleheaders.

"The second win was the carry-over from the first game," Smith said. "It happens a lot in doubleheaders. It's gone against us when we lost the first game that was close and then didn't swing the bat again in the next game as if it was contagious. Then we end up losing both games.

"This time we finally got it going."

On the mound for the Hornets for he second win was freshman Brian Gates. In his third start for the season, Gates went all seven innings, giving up five hits, one run and one walk while striking out four batters. Gates (1-2) now leads in the team with a 3.38 ERA.

Smith said the freshman has already been a contributing factor for the team.

"As a freshman, he's light years ahead," Smith said of Gates. "He's special. We have had one other freshman that has lit the gun up like Gates does. Gates impresses people and has good command of the game. I don't know how much confidence he has on the mound, but he has a lot of poise which radiates confidence."

The Hornet defense that backed up Gates committed only one error.

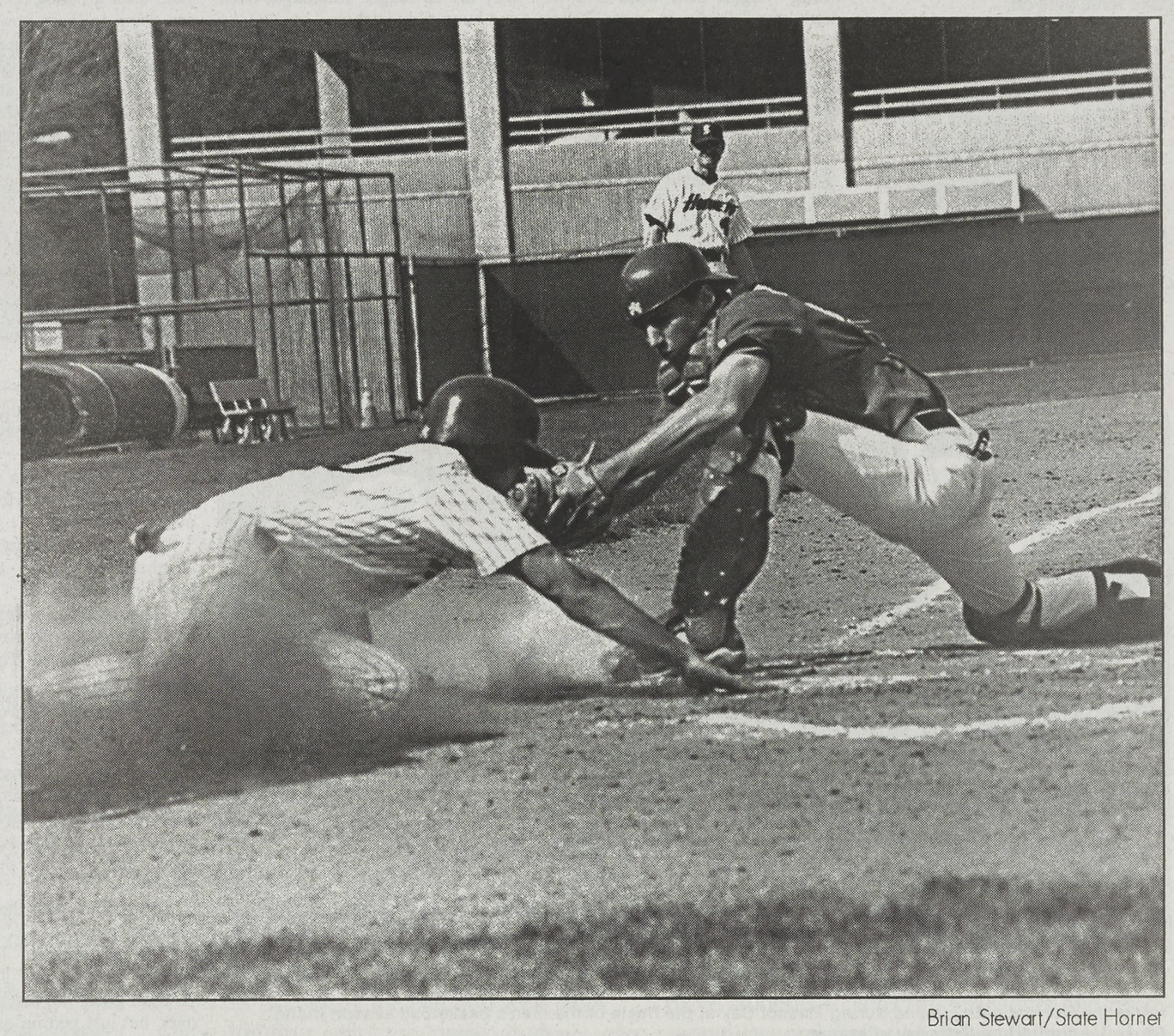
"I think the players that play behind Gates feel confident with him," Smith said. "We got some hitting for him and we played catch for him. Every game he's gotten better."

Gates said the improvement process takes time.

"During the fall and early on in the season I didn't have as good of control of my pitches," Gates said. "That was the case (Saturday) and I just had to get by.

"I have to get myself to concentrate. I came out kind of flat and I need to work on getting more mentally prepared to pitch."

The Hornets hit the road again for a three-game series against UC Santa Barbara. The series begins Friday. The next home game will be March 9 against the UC Davis Aggies. The game starts at 2 p.m. at Hornet Field.



Brian Stewart/State Hornet

**Senior shortstop Brandon Marshall, 10, is tagged out at the plate on a sacrifice fly during the Hornet's doubleheader sweep of St. Mary's Saturday at Hornet Field.**

## Gymnastics team: we're number one !

BY GABRIELLE STEVENSON
*State Hornet*

After being ranked No. 1 in the United States Association of Gymnastics polls, the Sac State gymnastics team celebrated by reaching another goal.

The Hornets finally scored above the 190-mark with their 190.550 to 189.125 victory over Seattle Pacific Saturday at Hornet Gym.

As 333 fans looked on, the team attempted to show why they deserve the high ranking.

"I feel great about the score," head coach Kim Hughes said. "But we still haven't even reached our potential. We still has some falls from some of our top performers."

Saturdays team score was the sixth-highest in school history. The mark was not the only record-making score. The Hornets scored an all-time-best 48.10 on the uneven bars, with the help from freshman Wendy Baisdon, who scored a meet-high 9.75 on the event. Baisdon's score was also the sixth-best in CSUS history

Rewriting the record book didn't stop there. Senior Andi Arnold and sophomore Jolane Parr added their names in the records, as they each scored a 9.80 on the floor exercise. The score was the meet-high for the event and moved the two performers into a four-way tie with Kim Shoults (1997) and Rebecca Seebirt (1996) for the third-highest score in Hornet history.

Parr had previously been limited to the uneven bars event due to a torn ligament in her ankle.

Hughes said the team was happy to have her back on more than one event.

"Going from not competing to a 9.80," Hughes said. "That is what we've missed during the last three weeks. And she was better before she got hurt. We can't wait to get her all the way back."

While Parr was pleased with her floor score, she said she is also looking forward to an even better performance.

"I'm used to the injury," Parr said. "I had the same injury twice last year. But now I am ready to be healthy in the end

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Jennifer Regadio/State Hornet

**Sac State's JamieCarlisle, a sophomore, performs on the balance beam during the Hornet's 190.550 to 189.125 victory over Seattle Pacific Saturday at the Hornet gym.**

## Sac State rowing competes at home

BY SAM AMICK
*State Hornet*

Who said being an established Division I rowing program was all pressure and no fun?

Sac State women's rowing coach Bill Zack says this year's team has the talent and drive to be invited to the biggest college rowing event, the NCAA National Championships in May.

But first, the Hornet rowers will test their talent against Mills College, Humboldt State and St. Mary's College Saturday at the CSUS Aquatic Center.

"Mills College is not anywhere near as fast, so we're going to do different combinations of events to make it more fun," Zack said. "We're looking for folks to come out and have a good time. It's like a season kickoff, similar to the basketball team's 'Midnight Madness."

Sac State and St. Mary's will be the only Division I participants at the event. Humboldt State is a Division II school and Mills is Division III.

All three teams will compete in the varsity eight, for the first and second teams, and the lightweight four races on Saturday. Judges from the NCAA regional seating committee use these times to determine the national rankings throughout the year. The varsity eight race features eight women from the varsity squad per boat and the varsity lightweight four is four varsity women weighing 130 pounds or less per boat. The remainder of the races on Saturday will not impact rankings, but according to Zack, should be entertaining.

"We'll do whatever we can to make it fun for all the schools involved," Zack said.

In pursuit of an invite to the NCAA Championships (May 28-30 at the CSUS Aquatic Center), Zack said team health will be a factor in how far this team will go.

"You always worry about injuries," Zack said. "Last year, one rower got mono(nucleosis) and another suffered a stress fracture in her ribs."

While the team's schedule has just begun, the women have been working out for much longer.

"We've got to have a good attitude because it's a long grind," Zack said. "The team has been practicing since last September."

On Feb. 6, the Hornets hosted the Golden State Indoor Rowing Championships where Hornet women took the top seven positions in the collegiate open event and team captain Christina Clinton, took first in the lightweight division.

The team will meet Santa Clara University and Humboldt State at home following this week's event before traveling south for the San Diego Crew Classic on Mar. 27-28.

"San Diego is going to be our first real tough match," Zack said. "There will be 24 other schools there, so by then we'll have to have everything together."

Zack said with the season just beginning, he will look to his veteran rowers to lead the team. Becky Theis, Christina Clinton, Abigail Smyth, Heather Watson and Becky Devcic have competed for the three years that Zack has been head coach.

"I'll be looking for those five (rowers) to be our leaders," Zack said.

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# Men's basketball drops last two home games

BY GABRIELLE STEVENSON
*State Hornet*

With two home losses to finish the 1998-99 season, the Sac State mens basketball team can finally take some time off.

Maybe not.

"My first priority with this team is academics," head coach Tom Abatemarco said.

"We need to make sure everyone is where they are supposed to be. We are really going to stress the academics. Then we start weights next week. We are going to give them a little time away from basketball and then we are allowed to give them two hours a week of individual instruction to get them ready for next year."

After losing 71-61 to Northern Arizona on Thursday and 99-65 to Cal State Northridge on Saturday, the Hornets ended the season 3-23 overall and 3-13 in Rig Sky Conference play.

Some players don't want time off.

"Our goal, for almost everyone on the team, is that when we start lifting weights next week that we don't stop," freshman guard Renee Jacques said. "We have to work really hard this summer and improve a lot. We know what we have to do now and how hard we have to work and it all starts next week."

Both losses came to teams that will be participating in the Big Sky tournament this weekend. Northern Arizona has been the favorite of many to win the tournament.

"You saw an NCAA tournament team, a very experienced team go up against a very inexperienced team," Abatemarco said.

"Our kids did a great job. I am proud of all of them. Defensively we did a great job. Offensively, in the first half we just got behind. I thought our presses were excellent, but they are just such a good team. We had (their lead) down to seven and they just fought back because they are so tough. We fought back and hung right in there."

Junior Antoine Bailey started 15 of 26 games and averaged 9.4 points in 25.3 minutes a game.

"It's been a great experience," Bailey said. "We are not going to forget any of the losses. None of them. Every little thing. Every loose ball. Next year we are going to be on cue. We aren't going to forget anything."

The Hornets won more games this season than the last two seasons combined. The team will have all but two seniors returning to the team.

Jacques has been one of three guys playing the guard spot. Jacques and Nate Murase, both freshman, have been averaging 32.7 and 34.3 minutes, respectively, each game.

"I felt we played well," Jacques said. "We played really hard. We just have to mature as a team. Next year, after growing up so much, we are going to learn how to get over that hump and come out victorious.

"We are going to play 100 percent all the time. We are just trying to get together and since we have been able to gel together all year, we are going to be ready for next year and come back strong. We are all coming back next year. We are never going to give up."

Abatemarco said he has seen his team make some positive strides this season.

"You're looking at a young team that is looking better every game," he said.

"My team is a very talented team that is also very young. I was very proud of the guys. They never gave up."

Other teams have noticed the improvements the Hornets made over one season.

"I am very happy we won," Northern Arizona coach Ben Howland said.

"This is a tough team and they have obviously improved as they year has progressed. This was a big win for us."

Abatemarco said the Sac State program can be a competitive one with time.

"I enjoyed this season," he said. "We had some great moments. I am not happy with the way this season ended, but I got to see this team grow, and I think the future is good."

Let training for the 1999-2000 season begin.

"We're definitely looking forward to next season," Jacques said. "It feels good, not that the season is over, but just getting one season of experience under our belts."

Brian Stweart/State Hornet

**Herky the Hormet gets jumped during Mascot Day at the finale of the men's basketball season in the Memorial Auditorium Saturday afternoon.**

Cherrie Ostrowski/State Hornet

**Sac State junior guard Antoine Bailey drives hard to the basket for 2 of his 12 points during the Hornet's 71-61 loss to Northern Arizona Thursday at the Memorial Auditorium.**


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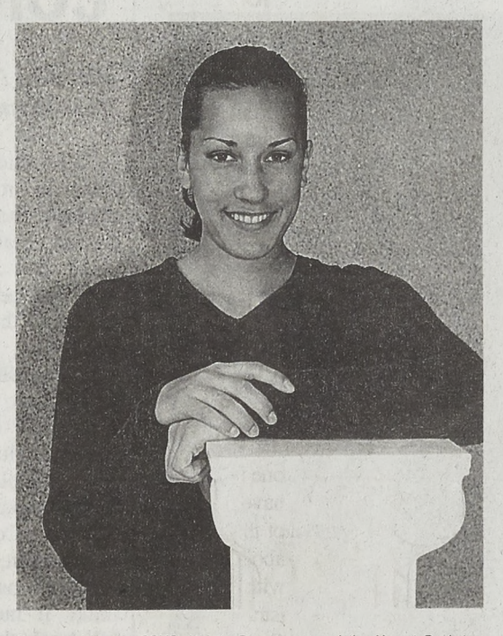
Kelly Lovato, Softball

Senior Kelly Lovato, who owns a 3.305 gpa and is majoring in physical education, helped lead the Sacramento State softball team to a 3-3 record at the Campbell/ Cartier Classic on February 18-21. The Simi Valley, California, native went 2-0 with a 1.31 ERA and 18 strikeouts in five appearances including victories over San Diego State and 14th-ranked Stanford. Against Wichita State, she pitched nine innings while allowing one run, four hits and striking out 12.



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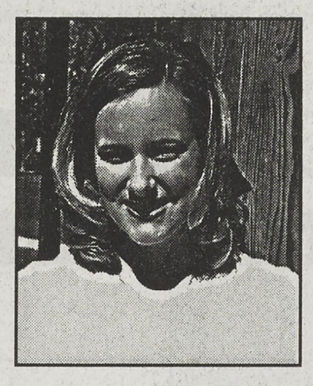
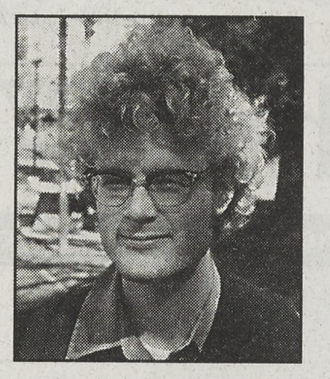
### How bad is car theft on campus?



**Cheryl Anderson**
**Criminal Justice, Junior**
"I don't think it is too bad, it has never happened to me and I have only heard of a couple of cases."

**Bruce Boehm**
**Government, Sophomore**
"I wish they would steal my car."

**Tricia Randall**
**English, Sophomore**
"I don't think its too bad. The last one I remember was when I used to live in the dorms."



**Arron Foster**
**Anthropology, Junior**
"I don't drive a car so I don't know. I know people are stealing parking permits."

**John Davis**
**Business, Junior**
"I think its pretty bad when you go to your fraternity meeting and come out and your car is on blocks and no one has seen anything suspicious."

## Editorial

### A new way to increase voter turnout this spring

ASI elections have suffered from notoriously low turnouts in previous years. In the spring 1998 elections, just 8.1 percent of eligible students voted. With such poor showings, why not attempt to improve the turnout at the polls?

Give students the opportunity to cast their ballots on the web.

A significant number of students who live on campus already have computers in their room, and a growing number of distance education students rarely come to campus, but use computers to access class information.

The CSUS registrar's office could help ASI set up a special election web page for students to access during the Spring voting period. Students already use their social security number and a PIN to register for classes and access campus information, the same numbers could be used for accessing the election web page.

Once logging onto the page, students can vote for candidates in their particular college. For example, students in Arts and Letters can't vote for the director of business administration.

The on-line elections could be publicized several ways: as a central feature of ASI advertisements in the State Hornet , or possibly through a mass e-mail sent to the entire campus community

This option will add convenience and allow more students to select their leaders and representatives, proving to be definitely worthwhile.

This is only one idea but ASI should be ready to try anything to get students to the polls.

## It's about trust

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Last week two individuals decided, for whatever reason, to misrepresent their identity in a photograph that appeared on the front page. It is something all newspapers take very seriously.

The State Hornet's photo policy is that any photograph where a person's face can be identified must have that person's name. Sporting events are sometimes the exception.

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## Letters to the Editor

### Hornet staff should resign

The last time I picked up one of your Hornet papers I found something that I found quite disturbing. There was an insert published or/and paid for by Pro-Life activists. I thought that our students paper was not politically active, nor did I realize that it was Pro-Life.

This publication disturbs me because the State Hornet ,being a student voice, should present both sides of an issue like a true mass media device.

The last time I checked the laws, women still had the right to choose just like any other citizen. Out of fairness to the campus population I feel that you must publish materials that are of the Pro-Choice view.

If the Hornet Staff does not see the neccesity of doing so then you should all resign your positions and find work with others that share your narrow minded views!

**Stephen Norwood**
**Senior, CHDV Major**

### Disappointed

I have been a student at CSU Sacramento for one full year. Since I started, every Wednesday I have looked forward to reading the fresh edition of this paper. I find the Hornet to be informative about events that I don't have time to be involved with and issues that are going on with the administration. I love to read the crime report, the Quick Bits, and the Campus Crossword. In general, the paper entertains and informs me about the university and the people that I attend it with.

This Wednesday being no different than any other I found myself both saddened and enraged by the insert from the "Human Life Alliance of Minnesota Education Fund Inc."

I was appalled at the level of anti-abortion propaganda that was being thrown at me. I am not writing this letter with any intent to stir up the abortion debate. As a matter of fact, I am neither for abortion nor against it; the argument is not mine to argue.

The one thing I have always enjoyed about your paper is that it will predominantly argue two or more sides of an argument. My anger about this is that the Hornet would let this absolutely one-sided controversial argument be run in a community of striving intelligent people.

Having this kind of propaganda in a university paper ultimately sets the stage for other fundamentalist like propaganda to be printed and sent out, i.e. anti-homosexual propaganda, anti-ethical propaganda, and anti-racial propaganda.

Now I understand that this was an insert that was published by an organization other than the Hornet. However I believe the Hornet and all its makers are responsible for creating a forum that represents the students of this university.

By allowing poor representation of an argument to be added to the paper, I think the staff of the Hornet commits the act of unethical and intellectually numbing journalism. As I have said before, I don't think this is an honest representation of the Hornet or its journalism.

I hope the staff of this paper and the students who read it will refrain from allowing single-minded groups to use the university and its paper to propagate this kind of fallacious material. My trust in this newspaper has been greatly lessened this week and I hope it will not remain this way.

**Jason Poisson**
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(Editor's Note: The Human Life Alliance insert was a paid advertisement and does not reflect the views of the State Hornet newspaper. )

## The parking lot wars - round one

guest COLUMN

BY DAVID YOW
*State Hornet*

OK, so you have a few options when it comes to transportation, parking, and how it fits in with your experience at good ol' Sac State. You can take the bus (it's free!), carpool with that hunk/babe down the hall, walk, ride your bike/skateboard/scooter/horse, take a light rail train, run, hop in a friend's car, hang-glide (just making sure you're paying attention here), or drive.

Wait...drive? Drive your car? Yup-that's right: even with all these choices, why not take the one that packs the most fun, danger, and challenge - all at the same time? All the other options may be more convenient, earth-friendly, and maybe even a tad bearable, but why take the easy way out?

Just think what you'd miss out on. Getting up at 4 a.m., sitting bleary-eyed sipping your cup of coffee, showering, and getting dressed to go off and fight the daily Parking Lot Wars. Pulling into the already crowded parking lot, and with a sigh turn the wheel to nose your car down another row of full spaces.

But wait! You have spied a little compact parking space! Never mind that jerk flipping you the bird for cutting him off - you'll have time for road rage later. Your new destination is right over there, a little oasis, a glorious space of room between an old boat of a Cadillac and a hulking "I'm a Dodge Ram-hear-me-roar" pickup truck.

Blinking the disbelief from your eyes, you grit your teeth and accelerate toward that beckoning target. Suddenly, a flashy Acura materializes out of nowhere!

A grim, tight smile spreads across your face - now you have competition for this coveted prize. That's all right - you can handle it: you know it's hard to beat the combination of your car's hard-working little engine and your determination. But as the distance evaporates, that sporty little car suddenly doesn't look so cute and unassuming.

Both cars racing nearer and nearer to the parking space, you see the sinister grin on your nemesis' face. And that look your enemy threw you just cost him the battle. Because while he was giving you that nasty look, you deftly maneuvered your car and slipped it into the space.

With a squeal of tires, it's all over. You've won! You leap out of your car, jump up and launch your fist into the air in a burst of triumph! The defeated enemy has no choice: he shouts something obscene at you and then floors his sporty little Acura, rocketing away to start his search again.

And you can't help smiling as you contemplate today's victory, and savor the chance to do it all again tomorrow. Or you can find another way to get to school and take a hard-earned break from bravely fighting the Parking Lot Wars.

### Attention Democrats

It is convention time! The Democratic State Convention is going to be held here in Sacramento from Friday, March 26th through Sunday March 28th. This is an incredible opportunity to get involved by volunteering in any of the 500 positions needed to be filled. With your help, this event will be an overwhelming success.

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If you are interested, please register by going

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# Sac State ice hockey club ties with Spartans in Roseville

BY SAM AMICK
*State Hornet*

Sac State hockey club's season sweep of the San Jose State Spartans seemed likely. But the scoreboard proved otherwise.

Spartan Tommy Pellegrino's goal with 45.7 seconds remaining created a 4-4 tie for San Jose after the Hornets (4-2-2) lead 3-0 entering the final period.

The Hornets were looking to complete a season sweep of San Jose after three one-sided Hornet victories earlier this season (12-2, 6-3, 7-1).

"We were up 3-0 and they came on and we let up," head coach Dave Mello said. "They out-skated us in the third period. Bottom line."

Pellegrino scored three goals in the third period to lead the Spartan comeback. Spartan Alan Wagner scored a goal as well.

After San Jose tied the score 3-3 with 8:09 remaining, the Hornets answered. Left wing Tony Bertagnoli scored the go-ahead goal.

"Everyone was passing and passing," Bertagnoli said. "Jami (Brown) fired it through the crease and I just tapped it in."

Assistant team captain Josh Roberts said the Hornets came out flat and stayed flat.

Roberts scored at the 12:45 mark in the first period to put the Hornets ahead 1-0. He scored again with 8:31 remaining in the second period to pad the lead to 2-0.

"We weren't hustling," Roberts said. "They got the back checks, floor checks, and the loose pucks and that's what you've got to do."

Left wing Mat Lucas said the Hornets didn't play as a team.

"All the guys were yelling at each other to wake up," Lucas said. "But we should have been yelling at ourselves."

Right wing Scott Folena converted an open slapshot at 5:22 in the second to put the Hornets ahead 3-0.

The Spartans played a strong third period Saturday, where in previous games, they tired as the game progressed. Some new additions to San Jose's roster may have been the difference.

Five players were borrowed from the Spartans' NCAA-sanctioned hockey team (the "A" team) to compete in Saturday's game.

"Their 'A-teamers' were the only guys on their team that scored," team captain Mark Yuill said. "I am real impressed that we hung in there."

According to Yuill, team funding may also have been a factor Saturday.

"We ran out of money so we couldn't afford to buy the ice time to practice last week," he said. "We usually practice four times in the week before a game but last week we only practiced once."

The Hornets will meet Pepperdine in their season finale on Mar. 13 at Skatetown Ice Arena in Roseville.

# This Week in Hornet Sports

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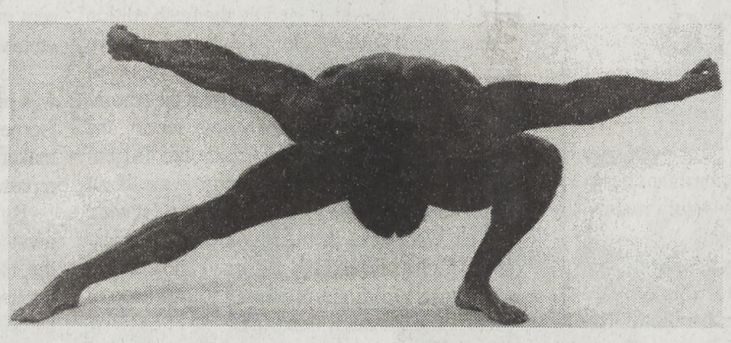

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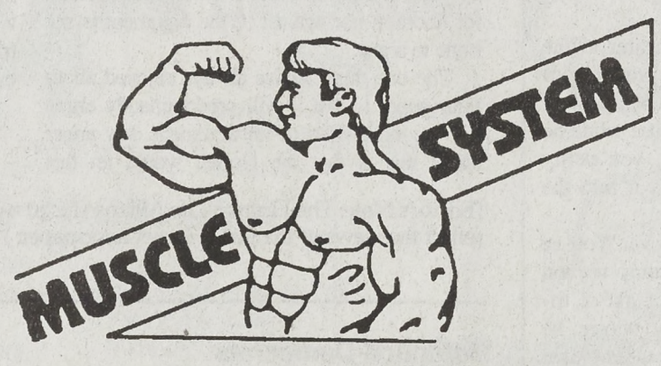


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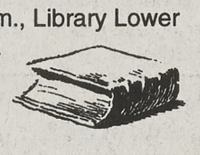
| **▼March 3**<br>•**A Night with Tom DeLuca:** Hypnotist; 7:30 p.m., U.U. - Ballroom; Call CSUS Central Ticket Office. | **▼March 4**<br>•**Friends of the Library;** Used book & Poster Sale, 10 a.m., Library Lower Level.<br>  | **▼March 5**<br>•**Peak Adventures;** Learn to Ski/Snowboard, 10 a.m., Library Lower Level. | **▼March 6**<br>•**"Taking Nursing Practice into the New Milennium,"** Conferance on Important Healthcare Legislation; 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., U.U. Auditorium; Call 278-4969. | **March 7**<br>•**Peak Adventures;** Learn to Cross Country Ski, Pre-Trip: 3/4 @ 6p.m.; Call 278-6595. | **▼March 8** | **▼March 9**<br>•**Learning To Lead Series** Effective Communication, Noon, UU, Student Activities Office, Call 278-6595. |
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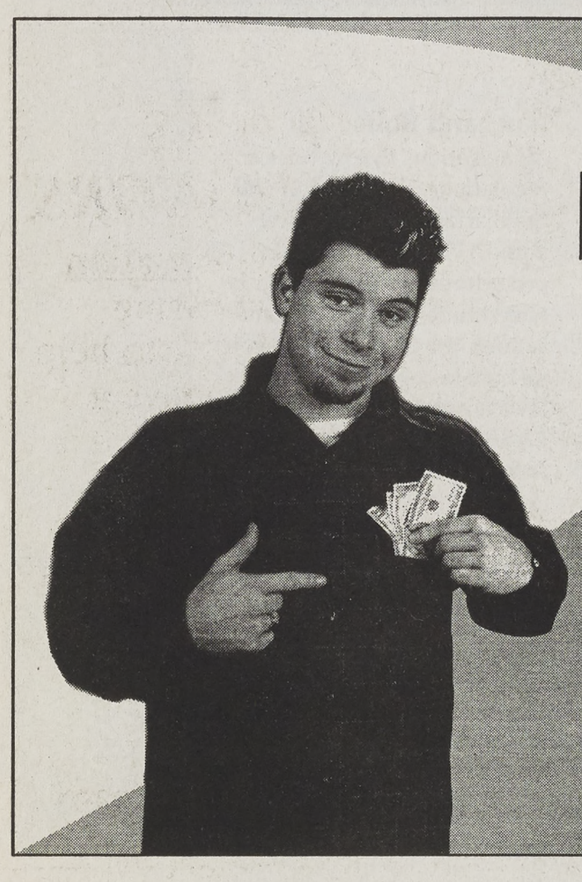
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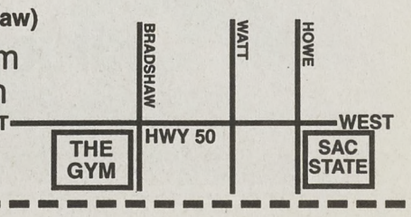
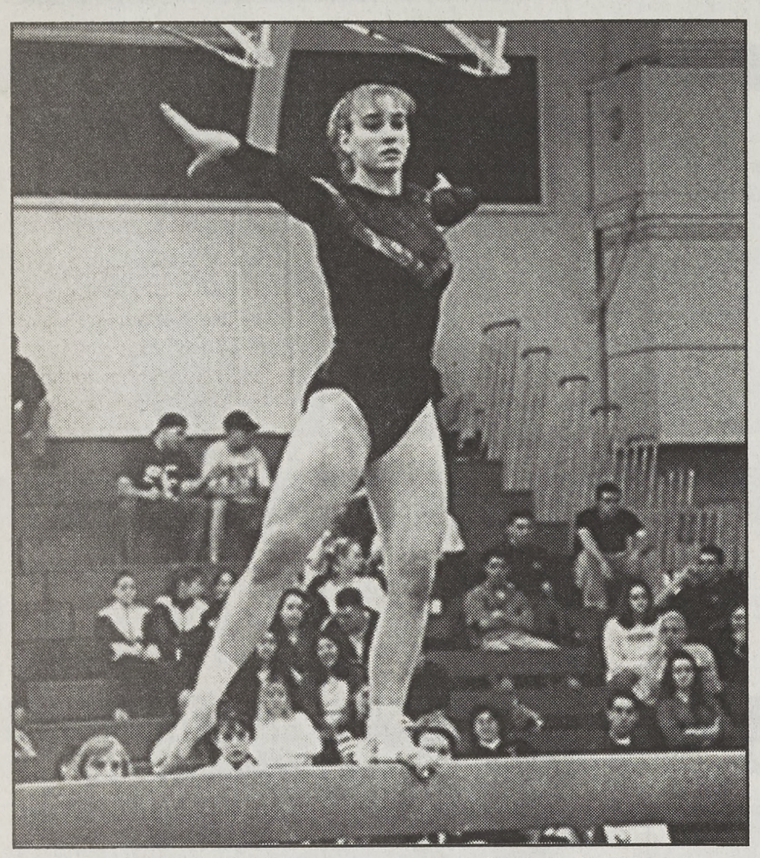


# Freshman gymnast helps Hornets win

BY SAM AMICK
*State Hornet*

The Sac State gymnastics team introduced 10 new freshmen to the team this year, bringing girls from all over the country - one gymnast from Hawaii, three from Colorado, one from Alaska, and four from various spots in sunny California to name a few.



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**Sac State freshman Melissa Prescott is one of 10 freshman on this year's gymnastics squad.**

Freshman Melissa Prescott is a recent graduate of Laguna Creek High School. She is the lone Sacramento-area gymnast on the team's 15-person roster and has proved that you'd be "loco" to pass up this locale.

"As an all-arounder right now, she's our strongest," head coach Kim Hughes said.

The all-around event combines the individual scores of the gymnasts who compete in all four events: vault, bars, floor, beam.

"That makes a big impact for the team when there's one person who can have all four scores count for the team score," Hughes said. "That's what kind of impact she makes."

The Hornets are 6-2 after defeating Seattle Pacific 190.550 to 189.125 Saturday at Hornet Gym in front of 333 fans.

Prescott did not compete in the all-around last weekend, a decision Hughes does not like to make.

"We're trying to get our team score up right now so the individual scores, unfortunately, are not what we are setting our priority on," Hughes said. "It's a really tough coaching decision."

During the victory, Prescott scored a 9.7 on the beam and a 9.125 on the floor. The beam score was the team-high as well as the meet-high for that event.

The Hornets are currently trying to be ranked in the top six in Region I competition. Only the top six teams are invited to the NCAA Division I Regional tournament in April.

While the newest rankings were not available by press time, the Hornets were ranked No. 8 as of last week.

While Prescott's scores have helped the Hornets' team scores, she has also gained national recognition for her performances.

In the Feb. 6 United States Association of Gymnastics (USAG) rankings, Prescott is No. 4 for the floor exercise (9.575 average) and No. 9 in the all-around (37.292). The USAG rankings rate all universities at the NCAA Division I, II, or III level with gymnastics programs that carry no more than six full scholarships. Currently, there are roughly 100 universities in the nation that carry a gymnastics program.

A gymnast since the age of four, Prescott first competed in the San Leandro area until her junior year in high school when she moved to Elk Grove and joined the Sacramento gymnastics club, Gymagic.

Gymagic is where Hughes and assistant coach Randy Solorio discovered Prescott.

In a sport that has consumed much of Prescott's time since she was young, she said her reason for

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# GYMNASTICS: team enjoys high ranking, score

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for nationals. I can do better than (Saturday). I know I can."

Parr said the team's 190.550 is still not good enough.

"We counted some falls," she said. "I know we counted two falls on the floor, so we could easily get to a 192. We still need to do better to make it to the regionals.

"I'm not satisfied yet. It's great because I know we're not even at our best and we're No. 1 right now."

Hughes agreed with Parr.

"We're very excited about the potential," Hughes said. "We've improved every week at every meet and that's what we feel so good about. We're winning and we got the score we've been going after and we still haven't hit yet.

"When you can win and get your score but still know you've made mistakes, then we know we haven't peaked yet. That's why we're so excited."

The next competition for the Hornets is a six-team meet in Santa Barbara this weekend. Hughes said the multiple-team meet is going to be a good way to evaluate where his team stands.

"This is really going to be a test us for that level of national conference championship-style meets," Hughes said. "All of the teams there are going to be very competitive. Eastern Michigan and Western Michigan right now are statistically scoring about the same as us. Davis is scoring about the same. Santa Barbara is kind of in the basement right now because of injuries. But Fullerton, who we beat earlier in the year, has really been improving. So this is going to be a very interesting meet."

Hughes said the Hornets got practice making positive adjustments during the meet against Seattle Pacific. The team started the meet on the vault and scored a lower score than the previous week with the same vault. Senior Nicole Denis scored a 9.125 Saturday compared to the 9.3 the week before.

"I felt that under the circumstances, with some of the problems we had, the team really stepped up this week," Hughes said. "We started with the exact same vault and got a lower score than last week."

After the initial vault, the team scores increased, ending with a 9.825 from Arnold.

"Instead of being discouraged or disappointed, they stepped up and ended up scoring high in the end," Hughes said. "That gave us another step up as far as our scoring potential. Going from event to event, they rallied each other. They made sure they were staying motivated and supportive of each other."

With five meets remaining before the March 27 Western Independent Conference Championships, the Hornets are looking to improve their standing in the Region I rankings as well as keep the No. 1 ranking in the USAG.


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STUDENT ACTIVITIES UPDATE

# Women's basketball ends season with two road losses

BY JOSH ELLIS
*State Hornet*

The long 1998-99 season has ended for the Sac State women's basketball team with road losses to Northern Arizona 79-64 and Cal State Northridge 93-59 last week.

The Hornets' head coach Sue Huffman said she had some fond memories of the season but knows her team needs to make some changes to be competitive next season.

Individual skill, conditioning and consistency are the focus this off-season for Huffman and the Hornets, who finished 3-23 overall and 1-15 in Big Sky Conference play.

"Next season my older girls have to be more consistent from game to game," Huffman said. "In order for our team to develop we need someone to deal with the leadership role."

Huffman said weight training will be an important part of the team's conditioning schedule.

"Too many times this year other teams have man-handled us physically," Huffman said. "We need to get everyone in the weight room, beef it up and take charge in a game for once."

Huffman said she knows her younger players also need to improve mentally after a year of experience.

"Our freshmen played more minutes than I would have like because I had no one else," she said. "Now that they have that experience of being out there they need to take advantage of it and make an impact next year."

Huffman said this year's Hornet squad was quite different from the teams of the past.

"They were a great group and I never had any problems with them," she said. "The best moment for me was our first conference win against Eastern Washington. The girls ran into the locker room before me and surrounded me. It was great to see them celebrate and I got drenched with cups of water in the process."

Huffman said she is now looking to bring in more recruits to go along with the two that have already been signed.

"We need to fill a few more spots at every position," Huffman said. "I want to bring in players that can shoot the outside shot and play inside. In this league you don't need the 6-foot-5 girls to win games, you need players that are versatile and can do a lot of things."

# Softball dumps two during road trip

BY ALISHABARAJAS
*State Hornet*

After 10 straight road games to start the 1999 season, the Sac State softball team is about to come home.

The Hornets meet up with the San Jose State Spartans today in San Jose before taking more than a week off from games. After the break, the team will finally get to take advantage of the home-field advantage when they play Fullerton at Shea Stadium on March 13.

During the most recent road trip, the Hornets lost 8-2 and 9-1 to UCLA during a doubleheader Saturday. The Hornets' record fell to 3-7 overall.

"We've been on the road a lot," head coach Kathy Strahan said. "It's tougher on the road."

During the first game against the Bruins, the Hornets had 12 hits.

"We just couldn't stop the offense," Strahan said.

Although the Hornet hitters had 12 hits, UCLA pitcher Courtney Dale (7-0) managed to maintain her undefeated status.

In game two, first baseman Sarah Cunningham posted the sole RBI for Sac State. Home runs by the Bruins' Christie Ambrosi and Julie Marshall helped put UCLA up 9-1. Since the Hornets were unable to answer in the top of the fifth inning, the game was called based on the eight-run rule. The Bruins remain unbeaten with an 18-0 record for the season.

"UCLA is in a league of their own," Strahan said. "If they don't win it all I'll be surprised."

On Sunday in Los Angeles, the Hornets were held scoreless, losing 2-0 in both games against Loyola Marymount.

"It was just one of those days," Strahan said. "I could sense it as we came off the vans in the morning."

Center fielder Arlette Sunseri had the lone hit for the Hornets in game one.

The LMU Lions' third baseman, Kim Bissett, managed one RBI, and right fielder Daphne Vadman connected for an RBI to hand the Hornets' Kelly Lovato (2-2) her second defeat in as many days.

Strahan said the Hornets need to learn from the losses.

"We just couldn't capitalize," Strahan said. "We have got a lot of work to do and the only way to it is through it."

Strahan said the team is looking forward to playing at home for three weeks, including the four-day Capital Classic tournament.

"We are really excited about playing at home," she said.

# PRESCOTT: Gymnastics a long time love

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dedicating much of her life to gymnastics has remained constant.

"I love gymnastics," Prescott said. "I've always loved it. You work so hard in the gym every day and then you want to go out there and show everyone what you've got."

Hughes said Prescott's love of gymnastics makes her a more dedicated athlete.

"She comes to practice very focused," Hughes said. "She comes early, works hard and leaves late."

Gymnastics has long been a sport that drew interest not only for its competitions but also for its unique culture of athletes. Gymnasts compete as early as their kindergarten years. Besides the Olympics and collegiate participation, there are no options for aging gymnasts. The sport does not have a professional field.

According to Hughes, that is why there is such a love and desire among serious gymnasts.

"You just don't do it except for the love of the sport," Hughes said. "Every time you go to the gym, there's a thrill and a rush to doing gymnastics because the fine line of danger is there. Why else would you do something where you think 'I'm doing something that could paralyze me' but for the love?"

As if the combinations of her love for the sport, work ethic and raw ability weren't enough, Prescott is an extremely humble woman as well. She takes little notice of her national rankings or individual scores and seems focused on the team's progress.

"She's not the type who brags about her ability," Hughes said. "She just works real hard."

Prescott said she does not mind the long workouts.

"I just go out there and do what they tell me to do," Prescott said.

While Prescott enjoyed her club career, she said the camaraderie of collegiate gymnastics makes it a better experience.

"It's been really great," Prescott said. "I haven't regretted a thing or wanted anything to be different. I don't get as nervous as I did in club competition. (College gymnastics) is more of a team event and it's more fun. It is just as cutthroat but you have your teammates around you helping you."

Sophomore gymnast Elizabeth Lutz said she sees Prescott as one of the team's top freshmen this year.

"She's such a sweet girl," Lutz said. "She's always nice and she gets along with everyone."

While she did not compete in the all-around last weekend, Prescott was the only gymnast to compete in all four events during the Hornets' previous meet against San Jose State on Feb. 20. Against the Spartans Prescott finished with an all-around score of 37.150, just below her season average of 37.292. Prescott finished strong on the beam and vault events, with scores of 9.650 and 9.525, respectively, but missed on her performances for the bars (8.825) and floor (9.150).


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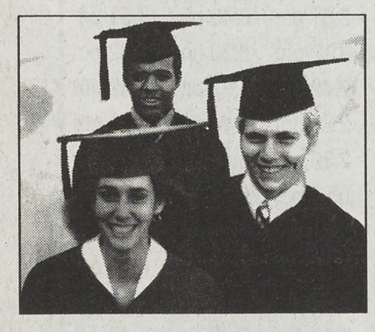

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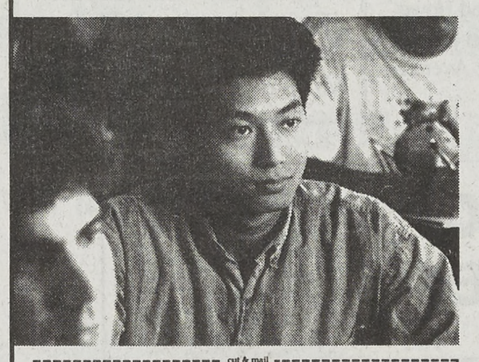

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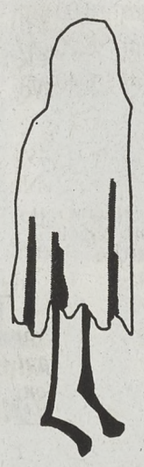

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# ASI: athletics questioned

## South asks for grad rates

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ner the contract requires. The contract was signed in 1995 after students passed a fee referendum increasing ASI fees and designated that the increase go to supporting intercollegiate athletics. Currently $47.75 of the $94 each student pays to ASI is earmarked for athletics.

Jeremy Brickner, newly appointed director for Undeclared Students, and Davis objected to the fact that South bypassed the athletics contract committee before presenting it to the board. After some debate, the measure was revised, eliminating two controversial provisions, one asking that 12 tickets be provided to the members of the board and a second asking that ASI be provided a free box at all home football games. It was passed with the condition that the legislation would be hand-delivered at a meeting with both ASI and Colberg.

In other business, ASI also filled four vacant seats on its board of directors. The new directors are Clemente, Brickner, Gregory W. Darusmont, Director of Arts and Letters, and Fernando Salazar, Director of Education.

# Advising center for teachers open

BY TERESA MATRANGA
*State Hornet*

Students interested in a teaching career now have easy access to information about the three teaching majors available at CSUS. The newly formed Advising Center for Teaching Majors combines the Child Development B, Social Sciences and Liberal Studies majors in one location in room 2008 of Lassen Hall.

"By bringing them together and creating this office we will be highlighting the teaching major programs," said Jean Torcom, Liberal Studies director. Over the next 10 years it is estimated that California will need approximately 300,000 new educators to handle the state's booming population.

The three majors provide prospective teachers with subject matter preparation. Social Science prepares them for high school teaching, while Liberal Studies and Child Development B prepare them to enter the multiple-subject credential program for elementary school.

At this location, "there are more faculty, staff and resources available to students," said Susan Gomez, one of the co-directors of Child Development Major B.

Dick Kornweibel, Social Science program director, had been responsible for overseeing the teaching majors while also supervising nearly 200 other majors and keeping tabs on more than 100 post-graduate students per year. The new center has helped to lessen the load and provide better service to those interested in teaching.

"The added support staff in Lassen Hall helps manage evaluation paperwork, filing, and responds to students' questions," said Kornweibel. "Also, coming together with the other two programs having similar goals and objectives is important," he said.

Previously, California law required subject matter preparation and credential work to be separate. Last year, however, new legislation enacted enabled Liberal Studies to develop a blended program.

The blended program will target students who know right out of high school they want to be teachers. "Students who decide early can be in a program that will get them to the end in four years, but also give them an opportunity to have early experience with children so they will know if it's the wrong decision," said Torcom.

CSUS students who want information regarding teaching careers can make appointments through the center. Advisors are available Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., and for limited hours on Fridays. Drop-in advising is not recommended.

# Senate: advising part of job

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and GE requirements.

"Advising is central to what we do," said Bayard. "This policy is not designed to add to your workload."

> **"I believe part of good teaching is good advising."**
> - Gregory Wheeler, Professor of Geology

Jaunita Barrena, professor of biological sciences, said that advising students in both GE and major requirements was part of their job as professors.

"If you can't figure out how to do GE advising, then how do you expect students to do it," said Barrena.

Most professors supported changes to the advising policy that would include both GE and major advising.

"I believe part of good teaching is good advising," said Gregory Wheeler, professor of geology

The senators took no action on the policy besides making several changes to the language in it. They will vote on the revised recommendations and discuss implementing standards for writing and reading proficiency within each department at their next meeting. The next Faculty Senate meeting will be on March 11 at 3 p.m. in the Orchard Suite, located on the second floor of the University Union.

# Accident Monday snarls traffic

BY HORNET NEWS STAFF

A multi-car collision involving five vehicles near the H Street bridge delayed traffic approaching the main entrance to CSUS for almost 35 minutes Monday morning. The collision, which occurred at approximately 7:45 a.m., had traffic backed up to north of the intersection of Northrop and Howe Avenues and to the intersection of Fair Oaks Boulevard and Fulton Avenue east of CSUS.

The accident delayed Regional Transit buses and the Hornet Express Shuttle until the damaged vehicles had been cleared from the street. According to campus police, there were only minor injuries. The cause of the accident is under investigation.

**Correction:**
A photo last week misidentified two students. The correct names are Eddie Murphy and A.J. Fellowes.


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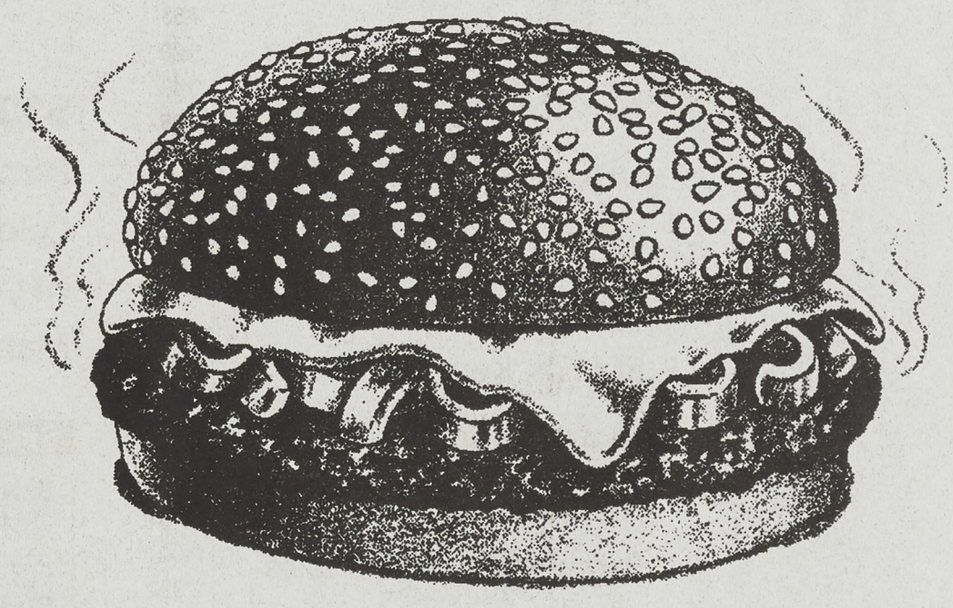

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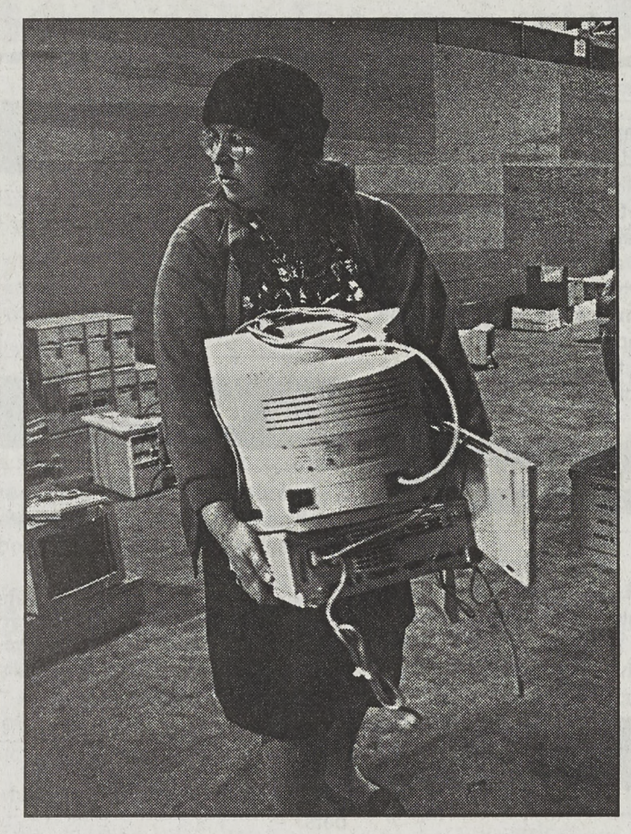
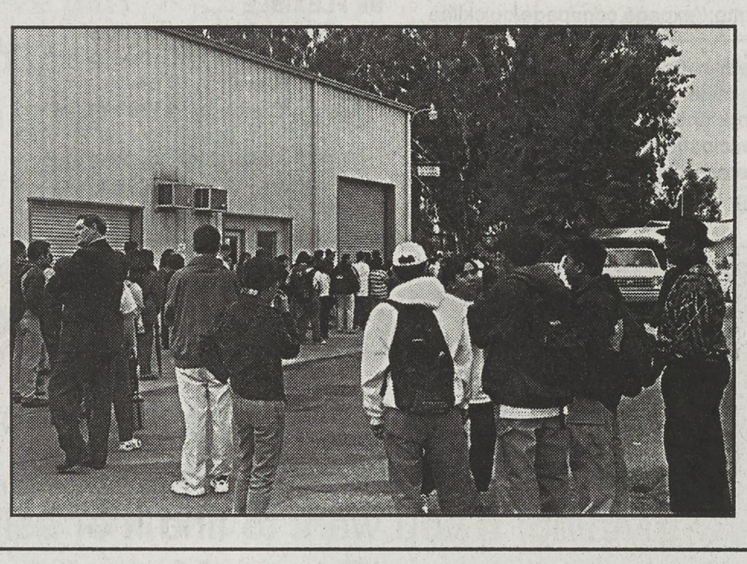


Patricia Marcussen, a junior majoring in Geography carries off a complete system purchaced at Thursday's computer auction. CSUS Support Services held the auction in order to sell off old computer equipment from campus labs.



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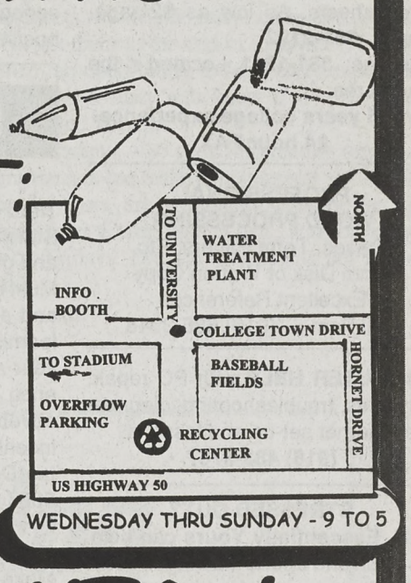


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